### WOMEN In the Public Eye

Mrs. John W. Garrett

BY MARGARET B. DOWNING. If rumor prove true that the secreary of the arms conference, Mr. Carrett, is to come to Washington ermanently, the Capital city will rain much at the expense of Baltimore. Mrs. Garrett, who lived here so long that she is considered a resilent, has recently become chairman of an ambitious project of the Monuental city to revive the best class of music and to provide a symphony



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rchestra and a choral society out of the abundant material at hand.
Washington would not be averse to having Mrs. Garrett join forces with the former Secretary of State. Robert Lansing, who has been wrestling with the difficulty of organizing home talent for the past year or more. As Miss Alice Warder, daughter of Mrs. Benjamin F. Warder of K street near Fifteenth, Mrs. Garrett was among that group of debutantes that included Miss Alice Roosevelt, now Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, and was among her close friends, accompanying the President's daughter on that memorable trip to Cuba and to the carnival in New Orleans. After her marriage to Mr. Garrett, then in the diplomatic service, she lived abroad for many years, some part of it in Europe and then in South America. During this period she devoted her leisure to music and art and became one of the disciples of the newest expression in both. Her portrait by Bakst was among the first specimens by that artist seen in this country and its exhibition in a private gallery of New York caused a furore. Mrs. Garrett is also interested in pageants and spectacular ballets, and her continued residence in Washington cannot but give an impetus to all these themes which have not engaged much attention here-tofore.

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On the death of the senior Mrs. John W. Garrett, widow of the well known manager of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, her son fell heir to the splendid family residence in Baltimore, and he resigned from the diplomatic service and, until he was appointed general secretary of the arms conference, had been living quietly, absorbed in his own affairs. It is in the great drawing room of the Baltimore home that young Mrs. Carrett has given some of the notable nausical entertainments of the winter, and where she has invited the most celebrated of the impression at artists to lecture on the new de-

rett in engagements of this nature that it was only after the conference had been in session some time that she came to Washington to aid her husband in his amenities to the illus-trious visitors.

Mrs. Garrett has been celebrated Mrs. Garrett has been celebrated for many years for the beauty and originality of her attire. She inclines to reproducing the historic and some of her most fetching costumes have been copied from old canvases of the Flemish and Dutch masters. Her mother, Mrs. Warder, resides in this city and there are two sisters who are likewise residents, Mrs. Ralph Ellis and Mrs. Harry Leonard. But the old mansion so long identified with the brilliant fetes which Mrs. Warder gave her daughter is about to pass into the hands of a hotelkeeper, who will transform the picturesque donjon into a many-storied apartment house.

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New Vanity Cases.

Every week there is, it seems, some new and enticing way of concealing—though one wonders why there is an effort at concealing anything so blatantly used—the vanity case.

The last thing seems to be a little wristlet, consisting of a ribbon such as one used for a wrist watch, holding in place a bit of an artificial rose or pansy or other flower. This is worn over the glove. It is, of course, merely a hiding place for the most diminutive of powder puffs. It is truly one of the daintiest bits of prettiness the shops have shown in a long time.

Then there are all the little bags hiding powder puffs and mirrors and rouge sticks in their folds. Some of these are charming big roses, some are bunches of artificial flowers. They are carried by young girls at dances. Sometimes the whole top of the bouquet opens off on hinges to disclose a sizable receptacle containing the vanity necessities. Sometimes the stems of the bouquet separate to disclose the opening of the bag.

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Another odd bit of newness is the Another odd bit of newness is the corsage flower, which hides the vanity set—lip stick, powder puff and tiny wirror. These flowers are used like any others for decoration—hanging from the girdle, fastened at the waist or trailing over the bodice. They are of the finest quality, so that they may be used for trimming any frock quite suitably.



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